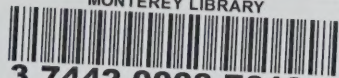


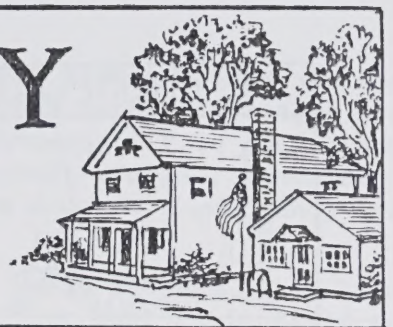
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MONTEREY NEWS



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OUR TOWN

Town Plan to Be Implemented

On November 6 the Planning Board called an informal meeting in the church basement at which townspeople were invited to express opinions on the Town Plan. Jed Lipsky, monitor of the meeting, presented background on the process by which the Land Use Study and Town Plan were originated. Monterey's plan is for a rural, as opposed to an urban, region. Rural Planning is based on the carrying capacity of the land, and the first inventory is of the natural environment. Sensitive areas, critical to the natural environment, are identified and assigned to one area. Then the rest of the town is assigned to more intensive uses, such as

residential, commercial, and the like.

An advisory committee from Monterey worked with two consultants, Randy Neel and Janet Flory, graduate students from the University of Massachusetts, and arrived at a set of goals for the Town. The objective of the Plan is to give background information which would be implemented by various means -- zoning revision, adoption of environmental protection acts, etc.) in order that the goals might be reached.

Objections were raised to the goals as written on the basis of their generality, lack of organization and short-sightedness. A discussion followed, during which it was stated that goals are for the future, need not be specific and need not cover areas in which Monterey is already protected by its by-laws. The group was reminded, first that Monterey's expressed hope is in effect to maintain the status quo; and second that the present study was made partially in order to revise the Town's by-laws, so that it would be well to have goals specifically tailored to what Monterey wants. The Planning Board will work toward revising the goals in accordance with these concepts.

Jed read through the general recommendations in the Plan, paying special attention to those regarding Sensitive Areas (see above) and Multi-family Residential Areas (recommended as a way to maintain a heterogeneous community in Monterey.) There are a variety of recommendations regarding zoning, and it will be the task of the Planning Board, as it sets about revising our present by-laws, to attempt to plug many of these recommendations into the new laws, and at the same time to come up with incentives and allowances for those citizens whose property falls under restrictive legislation.

It was suggested by several of those who attended the meeting that more attention be given to the heart of the town. There was mention of a citizen's group in Stockbridge which actively protects the aesthetic properties of the town. It was agreed that Monterey is in need of an independent group of that nature.

The Planning Board will soon begin its work on revision of the by-laws. Paul Thorn, Chairman of the Board, seeks help from interested people in Monterey to do this job. Call Paul at 528-1644 if you would like to be on the Implementation Committee.

The Town Has a New Police Officer

In answer to a request by Police Chief Douglas Lyman, the Selectmen have hired a new police officer, Jim Miller, formerly Police Chief of New Marlborough. There will be no increase in the budget for the Department. Salaries will be split among the four men now working as policemen for Monterey.

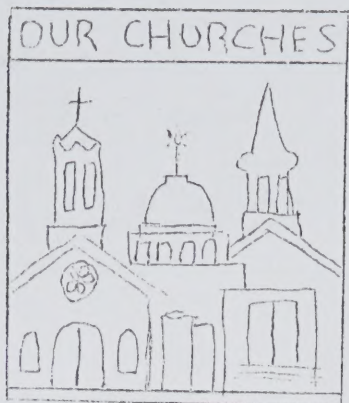
Town Purchases New Snowplows

The Town has purchased a new plow for its big truck and a new blade (minus the frame) for its small truck from Graves Equipment Company of Northampton. The price of the two blades fell slightly below the \$2,000 allotted for the purchase.

New Fire Escape for Town Offices

A proper fire exit has been constructed outside the Selectmen's office, in keeping with requirements stipulated by the insurance policy on the building. Henry Bynack did the carpentry and Jay Amidon will provide the paint job.





CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass is at the Immaculate Conception Church in Mill River each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .

Notes Church School: Kindergarten, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Grades 1-3, Wednesday, 3:15 p.m.; Grades 4-6, Sunday, 9:15-10:15 a.m. . . . The wedding of Donna Van Deusen and John Hutchins was celebrated on October 15. . . . Jane Thorn was received as a member on November 7.

Restructuring of Ministry

On October 17 the church voted to adopt a restructuring of its program of ministry. This plan came into being in response to the resignation of Lois Rose in order to accept the pastorate of the Leverett Church.

Essentially, the plan calls for taking the appropriations for salary and benefits that had been allocated for the coming year and using them to secure these services from persons in the congregation. Thus, nearly a half dozen different people will pick up "parts" of the program. It is intended that this be a fluid program that can shift readily as the need arises.

The beginning description of the program is as follows: Marion Barrier will run the kindergarten during morning worship; Marie Brallier will give assistance in education, visitation and administration; Ruth Messenger will do work in visitation; Cory Loder and other ministers in the area will be asked to do pulpit supply from time to time; Nancy and Cory Loder will give occasional help in the youth program; Virgil Brallier, as pastor, will give additional time, with an increased preaching schedule and more time spent on administration of this new plan.

The plan became effective on November 1. It was necessary for parts of the plan to be implemented on October 1, the date of Lois Rose's departure.

Church School Enrolls 20 Students

After several years without a church school, a new educational thrust was begun toward the children in the community late in October. Three classes are now meeting on a weekly basis.

Marion Barrier, assisted by Lennie Williams, is teaching the kindergarten class. Lois Ryder, assisted by Stephanie Grotz, is teaching grades 1 to 3; Selden Whitaker and Worth Hartman are co-teachers of grades 4 to 6.

The response of both teachers and students to this endeavor is gratifying. Any additional students, kindergarten through grade six, are invited to participate in this program.

Youth Group Sponsors Church Photo Album

The Monterey Youth Group is sponsoring a family photo album for the members and friends of the church. The date for the pictures to be taken is Sunday afternoon, November 28. Letters explaining the plan are being sent to people in the community related to the church.

Children's Community Christmas Party

A long-standing Monterey tradition is the community Christmas party for the children of the town. The party this year will be on Wednesday, December 22. Different youth organizations co-operate in putting on the program. Santa makes a visit

and gives presents to all children through second grade. For a number of years Santa has had to have many helpers to secure these presents. If any of our readers should wish to help this community project they are invited to send a modest contribution to the following address:

Mrs. Robert Gauthier
Main Road
Monterey

Dear Barbara,

Yes, I want to help Monterey children have a Merry Christmas. Enclosed find \$_____

Names of any new children in Monterey

Name _____

Address _____



Celebrating Halloween started with a hayride on the afternoon of October 30. That evening a motley crew, in a great diversity of costumes, met to admire one another's ingenuity, hear ghost stories, dance and partake of Marta Meluleni's doughnuts and Nancy Smith's with's brew (hot cider).

On November 5 Mr. and Mrs. David Thomson again brought their young music students from West Springfield to give one of their excellent programs. They sang and played guitars, flute and piano with their customary competence and verve.

Early in the morning of November 10, before the snow flew, four of the Brethren Volunteer Service workers took off for their annual three-day meeting at Camp Swatera, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There they talk with other volunteers, from overseas and from the Eastern part of the United States, comparing notes on their different experiences in teaching, farming, nursing or whatever else they may be doing. All are not members of the Church of the Brethren but have been accepted in BVS projects. Many of them have given yeoman service at the Farm since the relationship started in 1961. This year six of them are acting as leaders in the work program, as substitute house parents, and helping in other ways. They are Bretta Hoellig from Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, who came only a month ago; Janet West from Cincinnati, Ohio, and John Martin from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, both arriving in late March; Ineke Drees from the Netherlands, who is starting her second year; Ken Gleason from Newton, Massachusetts, who came January 31 and soon was given charge of maintenance, as a regular staff member; and Janet Cassel, who has completed her first year at the Farm and plans to stay an additional six months, also as a staff member. Perhaps some time there can be a gathering at Gould Farm of all those who have been our dedicated BVS'ers over the years. That would be an outstanding event, for sure!

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Neighbors' Night was observed at the October 20 meeting, with an attendance of 80 from New York State, Connecticut and different parts of Massachusetts. Visitors presented a most enjoyable variety program. Blue ribbons were presented to Florence Brown and Eva Klein for First Prize on their entries in Berkshire South Pomona by Home and Community Chairman Mary Wilber.

On November 3 the Grange had its regular meeting. Officers presented a variety program. Guests were present from Sandisfield, Great Barrington and Stockbridge. Worthy Master John Lossin and Worthy Lecturer Mary Wallace gave an interesting and informative report on the State Session at Plymouth and brought back Third Prize for Youth Report.

On November 17 Umpachene Grange were our guests. There was a competitive program, partly furnished by Umpachene.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY

We are working on our annual Christmas toy sale, to be held early in December. This year we shall include sports equipment. Any contributions would be most welcome.

Cynthia Weber
President

PHILERGIANS

On October 25 we met at the home of Betty Peterson. We enjoyed the Petersons' warm hospitality and having the chance to see their lovely converted barn home. Since this was the first meeting of the fall we shared summer trips and experiences.

During the business meeting we voted to accept the following slate of officers: Marie Brallier, chairman; Betty Peterson, vice-chairman; Evelyn Chamberlain, secretary; Gertrude Gould, treasurer.

At the time of graduation last spring we voted to divide our \$200 scholarship and give \$100 to Mary Anne O'Connell and \$100 to Sandra Briggs. Since Sandra did not enter college, we voted to award the second \$100 to Mary Anne.

We also voted to send a token gift to Mr. Richard Dyer-Bennet in appreciation of the delightful benefit concert he gave for our church in August.

Our Christmas meeting will be held at the home of Gertrude Gould on Monday, December 6, at 8:00 p.m. We are looking forward to an evening of Christmas music, which will be presented by members of the Gould Farm staff, under the direction of Mary Ann Carter. All women of the church and community are invited to attend.

Marie Brallier
Chairman

HOW DOES GROWTH COME?

Now that I look back over my life, I think I resent the conspiracy that gave me too many bum steers on the way to grow. Yet -- a word of caution. Maybe it was largely my own doing. Perhaps it was a closing of my own eyes to everything except what I call a bum steer.

Let me at least begin with the assumption that there was a shared responsibility. Truly, I chose the signals I followed, but I believe in actual fact that those signals were all around me "out there" and not just the result of my imagining.

Now let's get down to issues. It appears there are two principal sources of human growth. The first source lies outside of our selves in the whole human society surrounding us. The second source is the impulse toward growth and movement that lies within each person. The conspiracy, I suspect, is that most of us are tipped so powerfully toward trusting the external sources of growth that we find it hard to trust the internal source.

Human social institutions gain their strength from the conviction that they are the repository of all human learning and experience. If anyone would learn anything, therefore, he must turn to home, school, religion, government, industry -- or whatever -- and here he will find all that is available. I will never forget the statement of one of my college professors: "We are all born as savages. The task of society is to civilize us." This statement sums up the belief that the primary source of growth comes from absorbing what lies outside ourselves.

Perhaps a comparison would be helpful. What is the source of a seed's growth? We all know that the true character of a plant is in the seed. The nature of what the plant is to become is all stored up in the seed. And it most certainly cannot become anything that is not contained within the seed. Yet certain conditions are necessary for the seed to grow. There are external conditions, such as moisture, warmth and soil, without which the growth can never occur. And although it is true that the real character of a plant always lies within the seed, still the growth or lack of growth is deeply influenced by the conditions of moisture, warmth and soil.

I find myself wondering if there are not more parallels between plants and persons than, at first glance, we might suspect. If it should be so that something of the same relationship exists between inner and outer sources of growth in plants and persons, what would that mean? It looks this way to me. The true nature of the person or the plant is contained within the "seed" that began the life in the first place. As we have said, the external source of growth for the plant lies in conditions of moisture, warmth and soil. The external source of growth for the person lies in the surrounding human society.

Now, with this background, I can give voice to my complaint. Human society tends to lay a very heavy hand on the individual. Society in the form of home, school, church, nation and industry -- to name a few -- tends to think it has "blueprints" of the kind of persons we should be. It tries to impose these patterns upon us in the hope that it will remove our savagery and make us civilized. To make matters more complicated, all of us who have attained a few years are also a part of this "civilizing society", as well as the individual seeking the freedom to be his own true self.

Let me give a glaring example. Here is the family which keeps nudging the son to carry on the family business, yet the "seed" of that son seems much more inclined toward making music. In addition, the complex of economy-industry surrounding him highly values business management and places a low value on the music maker. A contest is joined between the external sources and the internal sources of growth. The pressure to adopt the external pattern of growth is enormous. As a result, the individual is taught in a whole variety of ways to undervalue and distrust his own inner nature. In many ways far less observable than in this example, that process goes on within each of us. We lose our ability to distinguish between the true nature that is trying to express itself within us and the models of growth society tries to impose upon us.

Why have I been so slow to believe and trust my own inner promptings? I really don't know. Yet it does occur to me that possibly this is what growth is all about. In those early years it did indeed seem that all the wisdom and all the answers were "out there" in the hints and pressures society was giving me. In a strange way that I cannot explain the tide is turning the other way. Now it seems the height of folly to mistrust "the soul's invincible surmise". Possibly there is no way this could come to me except through the labor and agony of the years. And how is it with you

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies The Monterey Brownies made pumpkins for Halloween. Continuing in their effort to attain the Bicentennial Badge, they met with a group of Brownies in Great Barrington to play Colonial games such as London Bridge, Cat's Cradle, Muffin Man and the like. They will soon go to the historical wing of the Monterey Library to view slides of the Knox Trail re-enactment.

Juniors The Junior Scouts are still without a leader. Anybody interested? Call Maureen Bradley at 528-0782.

Cadettes The Cadettes are leaderless as well. Nevertheless, the girls organized a successful Halloween party for Monterey's children on the evening of October 31. A host of gratified ghosts and goblins emerged from the church social room after the party, hair dripping from bobbing apples, stomachs full of doughnuts and juice. The Cadettes know how to have and give a good time. The girls plan a trip to Washington this year. Dauntless though they seem to be, they could do even more under the guidance of a good leader. Call Gwen O'Connell (528-1564) and volunteer.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts The two Cub dens are now organized, one in Mill River and one in Monterey. Both dens plan to visit the Trout Hatchery and Gould Farm as part of their study of rural America.

Webelos The Webelos are completing their Aquanaut Badges. They will be making toys for the New-Marlborough-Monterey PTA's annual toy fair. The project will be making Indian headbands made of corrugated cardboard and feathers. This is in fulfillment of the Citizenship Badge.

Pack 51 Webelos, old Cubs and new dens will meet December 10 in the Mill River Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The Bobcats will receive welcome into the pack. There will be a "scraps and bits" contest, which will be judged and for which prizes will be given.

The Scouts will all be participating in the Christmas Workshop in Monterey December 3

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will participate in a workshop in Boston on November 21 led by Lyman Coleman, a maverick Christian educator who decided to go beyond the church to communicate the vitality of spirituality. Cory Loder, who is taking the group to Boston says that Coleman has founded a center in Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, called Serendipity House, and in addition to that has written a score of books dealing with communication skills.

4-H

The Monterey Greenthumbs and Community Club will hold a meeting on Friday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the church social room. Enrollment for the coming year will take place.

On Friday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the church social room the annual Achievement Night will be held. 4-H members and leaders from Otis and Blandford will also be present. The program will consist of exhibits and skits by 4-H members. The 4-H agent from Pittsfield will show slides on the 4-H program. Awards will be presented for completed projects. Refreshments will be served.

Congratulations go out to Kristine Heath and Shawn Ryder, Kristine for her good showing in the Horse Show at the Springfield Exposition, Shawn for his photography demonstration on "How to Develop Black and White Film," also at the Springfield Exposition.

The 4-H Clubs in Monterey are in desperate need of leaders. There are many, many different projects to choose from. A club needs to meet only six times a year, which is not asking an awful lot. If anyone is interested in helping out please call Lois Ryder at 528-2548.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

There will be a Christmas Workshop December 3 at 3:00 p.m. for the children of Monterey. 4-H and Scouting groups will be on hand in the church basement to help with crafts projects. There will be a variety of projects, and all children are invited to come and make Christmas presents.

COMING EVENTS

A Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the church basement. We will have craftsmen from local areas and two churches represented. There will be gifts, dolls, jewelry, pottery, art, crafts and homemade goods (breads, cakes, jellies, candy. A percentage of the sales will go to the Congregational Church. Pat Andrus (528-2044) and Lois Ryder (528-2548) are sponsors of this occasion. Make this a stop on your Christmas shopping spree!

The Community Potluck Dinner will be on Wednesday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the church basement. It is to be a Thanksgiving-Christmas holiday dinner. Please bring a casserole or desserts suitable to this festive occasion, as well as a place setting for each person attending. The program will be slides of Leningrad, Russia, shown by Edith Wilson. Babysitting will be provided for toddlers during this program.

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